

## Seminole County Public Safety

# Special Issue Trivia Answers!

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### You're

### Kidding

### Right?

- What is a Jiffy you ask? Well it is 1/100 of a second.
- A rain drop falls at 600 feet per second or 7 MPH!
- There is a city in Florida called, "Two Egg".
- President Ulysses S. Grant was stopped for speeding on a horse and was fined \$20.00

## Just for the record!

Thanks to everyone for their kind support and suggestions for this newsletter. We do appreciate your inquires and accept some responsibility for the current frustration level for those folks out there that do not know the answers to the trivia questions.

Of course our goal is to provide not only entertainment but to provide information that would not normally be given to everyone or to inform everyone about something or someone we should know about.

The citizens in Seminole County should be proud of the exemplary work and programs produced by the Public Safety Department.

Being able to provide a department newsletter is an honor that few have known not only in this department but , I'm sure in others.

We take great satisfaction in writing this newsletter for everyone, so when you get a chance, feel free to submit an article, story, recipe, tip or hint of job satisfaction. So, without further ado we are proud with this special issue to present to you the answers to all the previous trivia questions and some hints on some of the possible subjects for future issues. If anyone would like to try their hand at submitting trivia questions, there is only one thing to say, and that is in the immortal words of the honorable Judge Mills Lane, "Let's get it on!"



*Ladies and gentlemen, young and old,  
here to astound you are the much  
anticipated answers!*

## First Issue

**How did the 9-1-1 system get started?**

In all honesty, it was first developed by the British in 1937, using 9-9-9.

It wasn't until 1967 that it was introduced in the United States, 30 years later! The first call was on February 16, 1968, in Haleyville, AL.

**How was the phonetic alphabet created?**

Created in 1865, due to the popularity of a new invention called the, "Telegraph".

**Why do police vehicles use blue lights?**

At one time, Blue was considered the color of hope!

**Who created the first fire insurance company?**

Benjamin Franklin

**Which agency is the oldest Public Safety organization in the county?**

Sanford Police Department

## Second Issue

Where did the actual battle of Bunker Hill take place?

The Americans caught word of the British plan, and decided to get to the Charlestown peninsula first, fortify it, and present sufficient threat to cause the British to leave Boston. On June 16, 1775, under the leadership of Colonels Putnam, and Prescott, the Patriots stole out onto the Charlestown Peninsula with instructions to establish defensive positions on Bunker Hill. For reasons that are unclear, they constructed a redoubt, a small defensive fortification on nearby **Breed's Hill**.



Where did the term, "mind your own beeswax" come from?

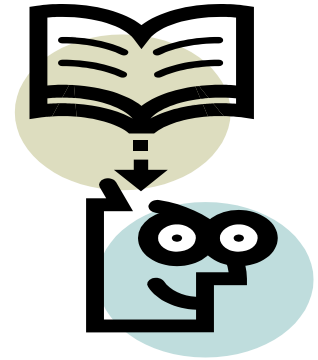
Long, long ago women used to put beeswax on their faces as a cosmetic and often would sit too close to the fire and the wax would begin to melt.

What is the name and origin of the music our National Anthem is set too?

This melody was first published in England circa 1780, probably written by British composer John Stafford Smith. The words were written by Ralph Tomlinson. Both were members of the Anacreontic Club of London. *To Anacreon in Heaven* was their theme song. The Anacreontic Club was a group of wealthy men who met to celebrate music, food and drink. So, our National Anthem is set to an old drinking song!

What was the real meaning of the soft drink name, "7UP"?

This soft drink was originally packaged in a 7 ounce bottle, hence the 7. As for the UP, that was an idea by the inventor. He chose UP because that is the direction of the bubbles!!



## Third Issue

What world renowned pianist started his career in Florida, but is more famous in Georgia?

Ray Charles, raised in Greenville, FL. and educated at the School for Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine.

What lead singer of a popular music group went to school at Lake Mary High School? He was recently the featured singer for Santana's hit, "Smooth".

Rob Thomas, from Matchbox Twenty.

What famous WWII movie followed a few years later with a T.V. series was filmed at Eglin AFB?

Twelve O'clock High (1949)

How many countries have had legal claim to the State of Florida?

Five countries have had legal claim: Spain, France, Great Britain, Confederate States of America, and of course, the United States of America.

Do you know why there are red bars on the state flag?

Gov. Francis P. Fleming suggested that a red cross be added, so that the banner did not appear to be a white flag of truce or surrender when hanging on a flagpole.

What is the State of Florida's official stone?

On May 20, 1970, 10 months after the landing of two Americans on the moon the Florida Lawmakers passed and sent to the governor a bill adopting the "Moonstone" as the official state gem.

## Fourth Issue

Anyone know what the smallest country is? Hint, it is only 0.16th of a mile square.

The Vatican, as of 1929.

Do fingerprints have a function?

To give you traction to grasp things.

Is there any bone that does not connect with another?

The Hyoid, it supports the tongue.

What is Dorothy's last name in the Wizard of Oz?

Dorothy Gale, of course!

Anybody know who William Claude Dunkinfield is?

Veteran Actor W. C. Fields!

Who received the "first" gold record and for what song?

Glenn Miller for the Chattanooga Choo Choo, in 1942

What is the most hated household task?

Believe it not, doing the dishes.

Who was known as the, "Mouth that Roared"?

Martha Mitchell, wife of former U. S. Attorney General, John Mitchell.

## What to look forward too...

With the holidays quickly approaching us, and lets not forget the sports as well, it is a safe bet that in our next issue will have some really nice brain teasers for you to wonder about. In future editions, the subjects will naturally follow along with whatever holiday is current and whatever else our devious minds can come up with.

Anyone can submit their trivia questions and we will gladly post them at no cost to you :) Heck, we will even give the writer full credit, so others will know who is tormenting them!

We know there are some really dynamite cooks out there and we want your recipes! So, how about sharing your culinary art and favorite recipe with everyone else. If we receive enough great recipes, we may even have a fleeting thought to publishing them on the web. Now, how can anyone pass up a deal like that?

## Holidays are here!

Yes, once again the holidays have snuck upon us, like they do every year and are demanding our attention, time and money. Including the little quirks of outrageous road traffic, always full parking lots and mobs of people in the malls and grocery stores.

Here are a few hints that have been passed around a long time that may be useful to someone out there!

When shopping there really are only two words that will help you survive another year—"BE PATIENT"!

## It's About You!

Again, we thank you for all of your support and encouragement in writing and producing this newsletter.

It is a pleasure and honor to know and work with some of the best individuals possible in Public Safety. We have response times, equipment, procedures and talented employees that others in the country are envious of.

Do you know a really special person, team or shift here in Public Safety that ought to be recognized? Well, tell us about them! We would truly enjoy publishing a story that celebrates our folks.

Just send us a short story about them or call us and we will do everything we can to let everyone else know about these great assets as well.

Wouldn't it be great to publish a future special issue that highlights the people in Public Safety that truly make a difference.

We will also do our best to keep everyone updated in the direction Public Safety is going in regards to equipment and important operational issues.

## Special Note

We have moved! Yes, the rumors are true! We have moved to the "Mobile Office Buildings" aka trailers. This is in conjunction with the building remediation. Our work will continue as normal and our telephone numbers will not change. This will be a long process with a few inconveniences, but nothing insurmountable, after all, we are Public Safety!



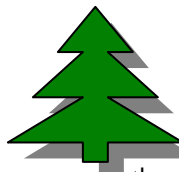
**Pick up the phone and call!**



As you are driving around, either in your own vehicle or the department's, always be aware of your surroundings and of course be alert for those that are not!

**Don't let road rage find you!**

How about all that great cooking that will be going on! It is really hard not to sit down to a holiday meal and eat like there is no tomorrow. Well, take time and eat sensible, drink a large glass of water before hand. That way you will not eat as much. After all, we should be aware of our health!



Lets not forget the credit cards and cash. Be very careful with your money. Over extending your credit can have very serious effects on you and your family. The same goes with cash money or "pay day advances". Don't get in such a bind to where your next pay check goes to them and you have little to nothing to live on!

Remember to lock your vehicles at the malls or grocery stores, and protect your valuables.



Even after the horrific tragedies on September 11, 2001, we continue to strive to be ever alert, highly trained and ready to respond in harms way at a moments notice to do what you do best!

A special thank you to every employee for all that you do to make Seminole County's Public Safety the best there is.

Thanks, Bob

Enrich yourself,  
Learn something new today!